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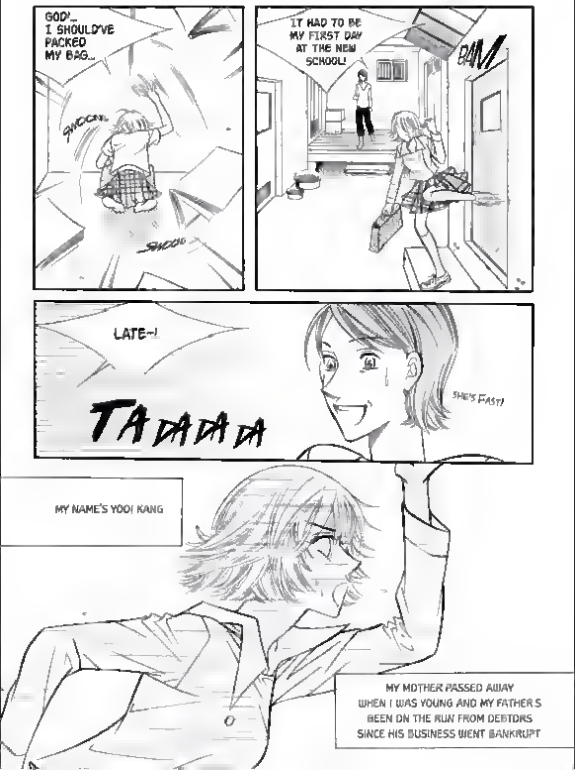
1. DOPPELGANGER

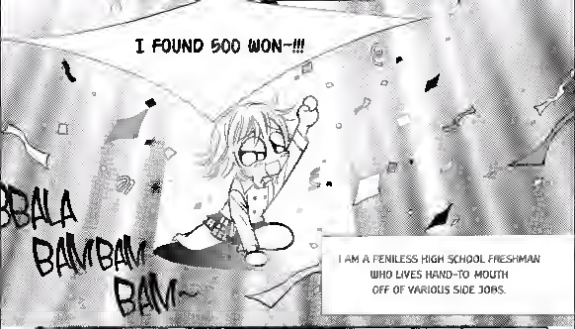
GUN
THUD
DING DONG
WHO IS IT?
UH I'M SUPPOSED TO MOVE IN TODAY...
OH ARE YOU YOO! KANG?

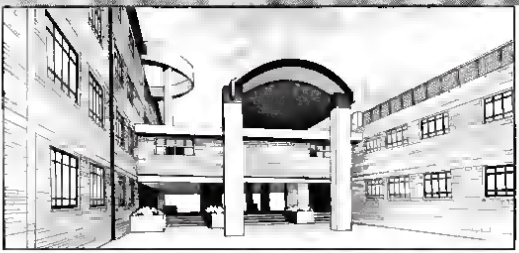
YES. THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME HAVE THE ROOM.
IS THIS ALL YOU HAVE?
I WONDER IF SHE'S ALONE NOW...
ISN'T IT GREAT? MAKES MOVING EASY
BUT STILL...
TAP
THERE YOU GO DAD YOUR NEW SPOT

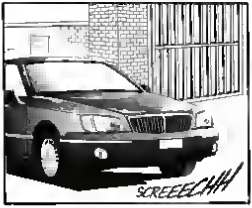
GETTING THIS PLACE WAS PURE LUCK.
I WAS CLOSE TO GETTING KICKED OUT OF MY OLD PLACE AND BECOMING HOMELESS.
THE OWNER LADY LIVES ALONE AND SHE LOWERED THE RENT ON THE CONDITION THAT I'D HELP HER OUT AT HER STORE.
BUT HONESTLY I THINK SHE KNEW THAT I WAS BROKE AND GAVE ME A BREAK.
BUT SHE'S A NICE PERSON.
YOO! WILL CHEER UP
SO YOU CHEER UP TOO DAD?
WOAHHH--!!
I'M LATE! LATE!


GOD!... I SHOULD'VE PACKED MY BAG...
SHOOT...
SHOOT
IT HAD TO BE MY FIRST DAY AT THE NEW SCHOOL!
BAM
LATE~!
TA DA DA DA
SHE'S FAST!
MY NAME'S YOO! KANG
MY MOTHER PASSED AWAY WHEN I WAS YOUNG AND MY FATHER'S BEEN ON THE RUN FROM DEBTORS SINCE HIS BUSINESS WENT BANKRUPT

ZEOW!
SUS
NOOO—!
SHOOOAP
TWWAP
KRRAAAAHH
KRRR...


I FOUND 500 WON-!!!
BBALA BAMBAM BAM~
I AM A FENILESS HIGH SCHOOL FRESHMAN
WHO LIVES HAND-TO MOUTH
OFF OF VARIOUS SIDE JOBS.




SCREEECHH!

TAP

SCROOP
WOW! IT'S LUNA SINE SUNE IS PRETTY
I HEARD SHE GETS HER UNIFORM CUSTOM MADE
THAT LUXURIOUS AIR. I'M TELLING YOU THERE'S STILL SUCH A THING AS NOBILITY IN THIS MODERN WORLD

SHE'S NOBILITY ALRIGHT
SHE'S THE HEIRESS OF THE YOORIM GROUP!
PLEASE, BE CAREFUL, MISS.
WE WILL COME FOR YOU AFTER SCHOOL.
NO! I'M GOING SHOPPING WITH THE GIRLS.
BUT MISS HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN ABOUT THE THREATENING LETTER YOU RECEIVED?
JEEZ. ARE YOU TELLING ME TO LIVE MY ENTIRE LIFE WORRYING ABOUT THAT PATHETIC PRANK?
WE ARE ONLY FOLLOWING ORDERS!
FINE! WHATEVER..!
SWING

MOOOVE~!!!
CHITSUKAMAI...
TA DA DA DA
KEKK
FLAP
FLAP
ZEOWW
KA
POW
KACK!
OOSSH

KcHANG
Ah!
Ah!

WHAT THE?!
WEW.
WHAT IS THAT
ROTTEN STENCH-?!!!
SO. SO
SORRY
HOLY- MY
LUNCH !
ARGH
ARGH
MI... MISS
LIDA!
HO
IT'S LIDA YOO'S
BODYGUARDS
TADADA
ARE YOU OK?
THIS ONE'S A BODYGUARD

KILL HER!!
ROAR
KILL HER!
KILL HER!
STINK
STINK
THIS IS TOTALLY UNBEARABLE.
KILL HER!
TADADA
CLEAN UP FIRST!
SNEAK
SNEAK
WHAT A NASTY TEMPERED SNOB
WHAT? SHE DOESN'T EAT KIMCHI?

SPLASH
SPLASH

PHEW... I'VE WASHED AND WASHED, BUT THE STENCH WON'T COME OUT
SNIFF...
WHAT IS THAT? THE WHIFF OF A MYSTERIOUS SMELL?
STENCH...

PSH.
TRASH IS STILL TRASH NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU WASH IT

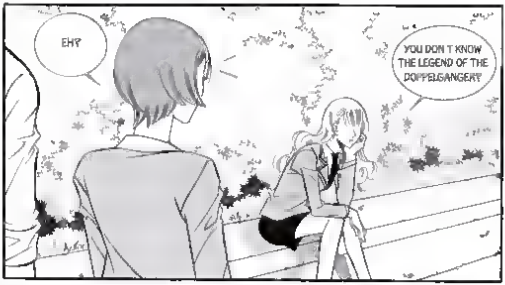
LET GO!
KER-SPLASH
YOU SHOULD BE THANKFUL THAT WE'RE PERSONALLY CLEANING YOU YOU GRIMY SCUM.

YOU LOOK LIKE A TRANSFER, BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN YOU DON'T HAVE TO FOLLOW THE RULES
MISS LIDA IS NOT THE KIND WHO DEALS WITH SCUMMY THINGS LIKE YOU!
KAK-TOOH
YOU NOBODIES WHO CAN'T DO SHIT UNLESS YOU GANG UP TOGETHER
I'LL TAKE YOUR SHIT TODAY, BUT BE CAREFUL WHEN YOU'RE OUT AT NIGHT
I CARRY GRUDGES FOR A VERY LONG TIME, YOU KNOW?

THIS BITCH!
WHUMPH
WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?
UH.. MISS LIDA .. SHE..
HER FACE.. HER FACE..

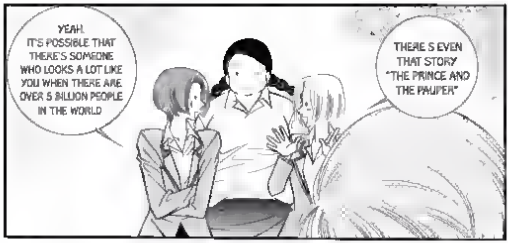
LOOKS...
LOOKS LIKE YOURS!
NO, IT'S EXACTLY
THE SAME AS
MISS LIDA'S FACE!!

DOPPELGANGER


EH?
YOU DON'T KNOW THE LEGEND OF THE DOPPELGANGER?

THERE'S A PERSON IN THIS WORLD WHO LOOKS EXACTLY LIKE YOU. AND SHE'S CALLED YOUR DOPPELGANGER.
IT'S SAID THAT THOSE WHO MEET THEIR DOPPELGANGER DIE FOR SURE!

ACK!
GOOSEBUMPS
NAH- THAT'S JUST A SUPERSTITION. I SAW IT IN ON UNSOLVED MYSTERIES
TWO MEN WHO LOOKED EXACTLY ALIKE MET AND THEY THOUGHT THEY WERE TWINS WHO WERE SEPARATED WHEN THEY WERE LITTLE. BUT THEY TURNED OUT TO BE COMPLETE STRANGERS.


YEAH. IT'S POSSIBLE THAT THERE'S SOMEONE WHO LOOKS A LOT LIKE YOU WHEN THERE ARE OVER 5 BILLION PEOPLE IN THE WORLD
THERE'S EVEN THAT STORY "THE PRINCE AND THE PAUPER"

THEY SAY SADAM HUSSEIN PICKS SOMEONE WHO LOOKS JUST LIKE HIM AND USES HIM AS HIS DOUBLE TO AVOID ASSASSINATION.
AND THAT ONLY EXPERTS CAN TELL 'EM APART
OH, I HEARD BRITNEY SPEARS DOES THAT TOO.

MISS LIDA YOU'RE STILL OFFENDED...?
...HOW CAN I NOT BE IF I LOOK LIKE THAT TRASH!

HOW DARE
THAT LOW-LIFE
HAVE MY FACE

VROOOH
—WHOOSH!

WHY IN THE WORLD DON'T YOU WANT IT?
YOU ARE WELL AWARE OF OUR SITUATION TOO...
BUT I WILL CHOOSE WHO I'LL SPEND THE REST OF MY LIFE WITH BY MYSELF
..YOU WILL CHOOSE BY YOURSELF?
YOU THINK YOU CAN FIND ANYONE BETTER?
ARE YOU SAYING I CAN BE BOUGHT WITH MONEY? I AM GIL GAON.

BUT I NEED THIS ENGAGEMENT!
I AM DESPERATE. I'D EVEN PLEAD WITH HIM FOR THIS ENGAGEMENT. BUT LUCKILY CHAIRMAN WOO'S GRAND DAUGHTER LIKES YOU. ISN'T THAT A LUCKY BREAK FOR US?
WHEN YOU CONSIDER MY RELATIONSHIP WITH CHAIRMAN WOO WE CAN'T POSSIBLY TURN DOWN THIS MARRIAGE AGREEMENT!
ARE YOU TRYING TO PUT YOUR OWN FATHER IN A PREDICAMENT?
SCREECH

I AM TELLING YOU TO KEEP YOUR NOSE OUT OF IT. IT'S MY FUTURE WIFE WE'RE TALKING ABOUT!

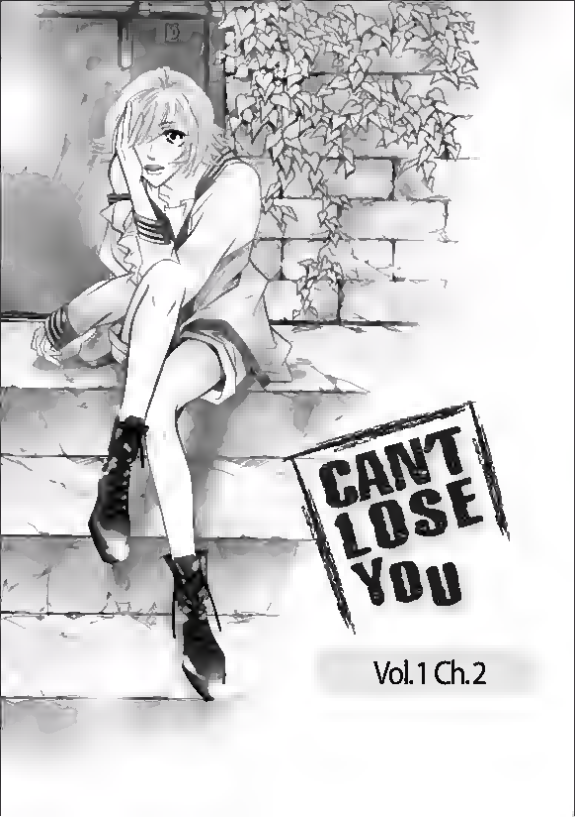
BAM-

GAON! YOU...!

COME BACK RIGHT NOW!

IT'LL BE QUITE TROUBLESOME.
MR. GAON NEVER BACKS DOWN ON ANY DECISION HE'S MADE.
FRANKLY WAS SURPRISED TOO
I THOUGHT HE WAS INDIFFERENT TOWARDS ROMANCE OR EMOTIONS OR THAT SORT OF A THING
BECAUSE IT'S NOT SOMEONE ELSE-- IT'S GAON

KANG, YOOI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2. GIL, GAON

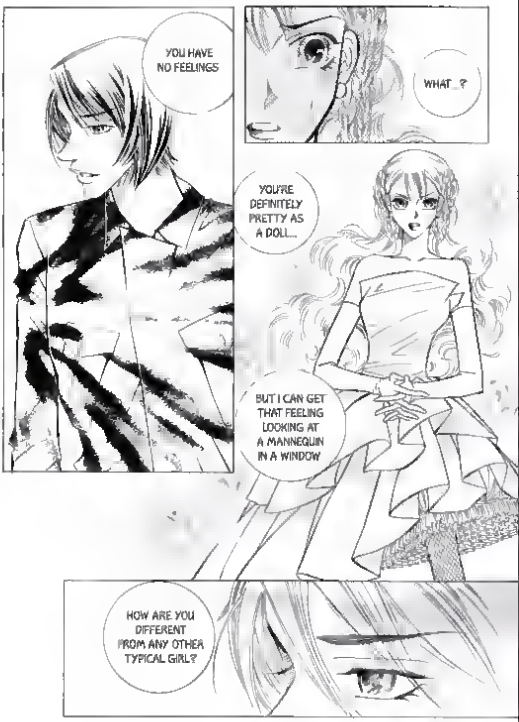
WOW MA AM!
I CAN SEE NOW!
YOU HAVE AN ARTIST'S TOUCH WHEN IT COMES TO STYLING HAIR!
YES, FROM MY MANE LINE, CRAZY HAIR!
HOHO.. REALLY?
IF YOU WANTED TO TRY OUT WITH YOUR HER HAIR YOU WOULDVE CRAZILY ANGRY ALL FOR EVERYTHING.
I LIKE AN ADVENTURE BUT SO MANY PEOPLE ON A FIRST DATE..
...SO YOU TWO LOOK ALIKE THAT MUCH?

GUESS THAT'S WHAT THEY SAY BUT I...
THEY SAY SHE'S ..FROM AN ABSURDLY RICH FAMILY OR SOMETHING
SHE HAS A LOOK THAT SAYS "LUXURY" AND MONEY AND THAT REALLY DOESN'T RUB ME THE RIGHT WAY YOU KNOW
WE'RE SO DIFFERENT IT'S LIKE SHE'S FROM VENUS AND I'M FROM MARS
SHE HAS SHAMPOO MODEL KIND OF HAIR, TOO.
WHAT A GREAT COINCIDENCE!
YOU LOOK EXACTLY ALIKE, BUT YOU ARE LEADING DIAMETRICALLY OPPOSED LIVES IT MUST FEEL A BIT STRANGE FOR YOU, HUH?
SORRY?
...
SHOULD ..IT...?

YAWN~
SLEEPY?
OH, OH...
OH, IT'S THAT I REALLY DON'T GET ENOUGH SLEEP
GO AND GET SOME REST IT'S SLOW AT THIS TIME OF DAY
WHAT DO YOU DO AT NIGHT THAT YOU DON'T GET ENOUGH SLEEP?
I WORK DELIVERING FOR A RESTAURANT
WHAT?! IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT? THAT'S DANGEROUS!
AWROO I NEED WHATEVER JOB I CAN GET
PLUS MY FACE IS MY JOB OH
GOTTA SAVE UP FAST EVEN IF IT'S LITTLE.
I'M GONNA WORK LIKE HELL TO PAY OFF MY DAD'S DEBTS

AND THEN WE'RE GONNA LIVE TOGETHER.
THAT'S MY ONLY...
DREAM

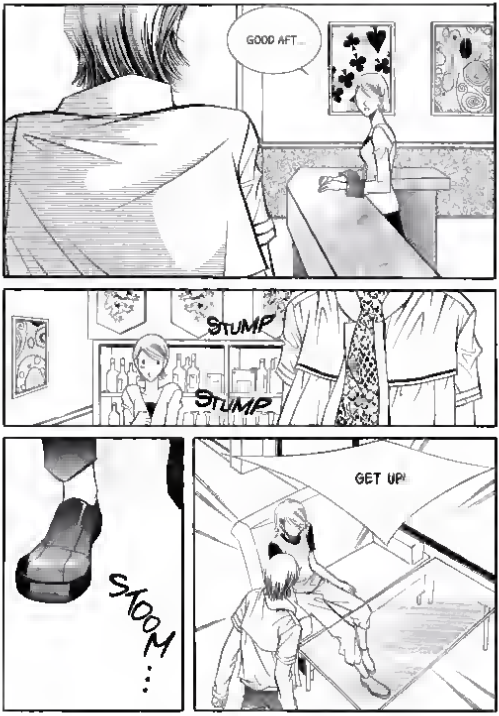
TAP-
EXACTLY WHY DON'T YOU LIKE ME?
WHAT ABOUT ME IS NOT GOOD ENOUGH FOR YOU?
MY LOOKS? BACKGROUND? WHAT AM I MISSING?


YOU HAVE NO FEELINGS
WHAT...?
YOU'RE DEFINITELY PRETTY AS A DOLL...
BUT I CAN GET THAT FEELING LOOKING AT A MANNEQUIN IN A WINDOW
HOW ARE YOU DIFFERENT FROM ANY OTHER TYPICAL GIRL?

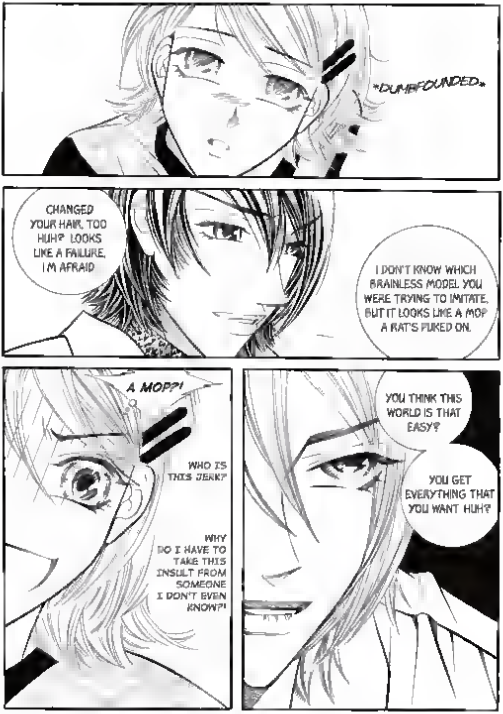
I'M JUST NOT INTERESTED IN YOU!
SO IF YOU'RE TRYING TO BUY A MAN WITH YOUR MONEY AND EXCEPTIONAL BACKGROUND, GO AND LOOK ELSEWHERE.

IF NEEDED I'LL WORK ON IT MYSELF
THAT'LL KEEP ME LESS BORED
...DON'T OVERESTIMATE YOURSELF!
I ALWAYS GET WHAT I WANT
NO MATTER WHAT IT TAKES.
YOU DON'T EVEN REALLY KNOW ME!
I...I'M... LIDA YOO!
ESPECIALLY THOSE THAT DON'T COME OBEDIENTLY

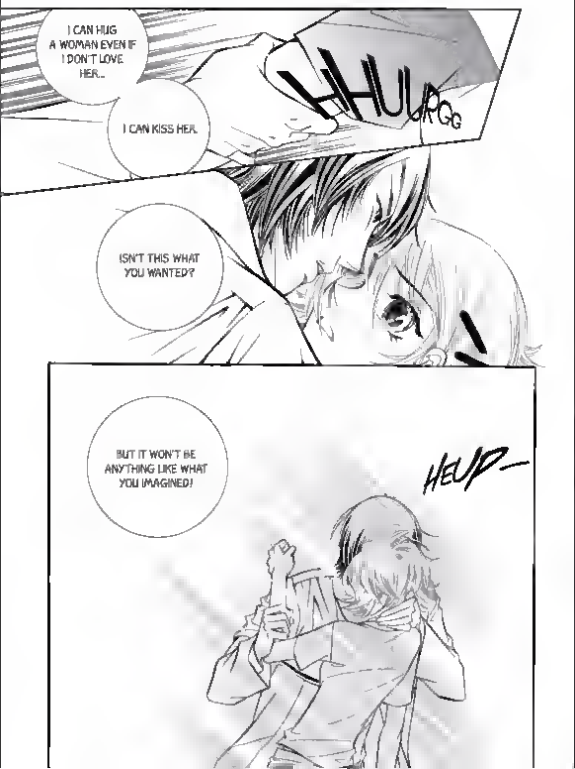
ARROGANT BITCH!
CLANG


GOOD AFT...
STUMP
STUMP
STOOM...
GET UP!

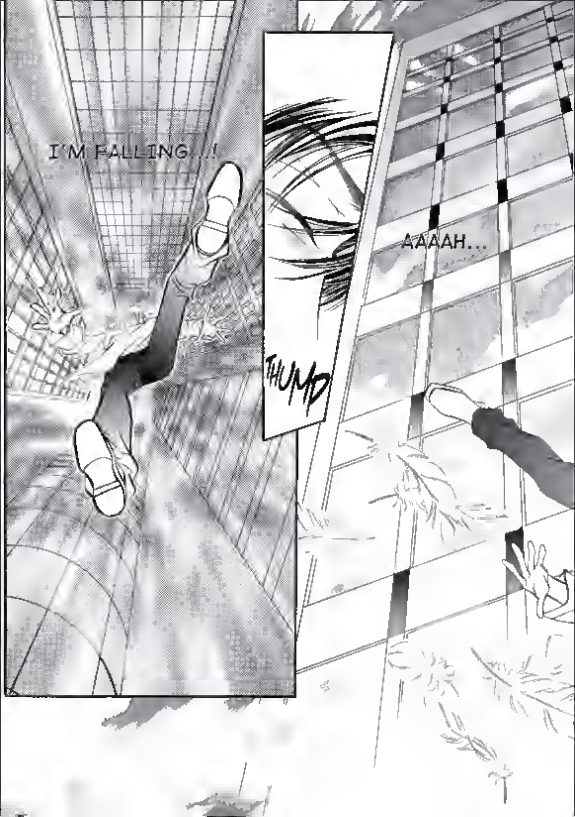
SIR...
WHAT BRINGS YOU TO THIS HOLE IN THE WALL?
DID THAT FAMOUS FICKLENESS OF YOURS MOTIVATE YOU TO PLAY A COMMONER FOR A CHANGE OF MOOD?


DUMBFOUNDED
CHANGED YOUR HAIR, TOO HUH? LOOKS LIKE A FAILURE, I'M AFRAID
I DON'T KNOW WHICH BRAINLESS MODEL YOU WERE TRYING TO IMITATE, BUT IT LOOKS LIKE A MOP A RAT'S PUKED ON.
A MOP?!
WHO IS THIS JERK?!
WHY DO I HAVE TO TAKE THIS INSULT FROM SOMEONE I DON'T EVEN KNOW?!
YOU THINK THIS WORLD IS THAT EASY?
YOU GET EVERYTHING THAT YOU WANT HUH?

YOU MAY BE PRETTY ON THE OUTSIDE BUT INSIDE, YOU'RE NOTHING BUT A STUPID AND UNCONTROLLABLE DOLL!
ARE YOU FINISHED?!
PLOP
HHUURGG
YOU THINK SOMEONE AS LAME AS YOU CAN HAVE ME?


I CAN HUG A WOMAN EVEN IF I DON'T LOVE HER...
I CAN KISS HER.
HHUGRGG
ISN'T THIS WHAT YOU WANTED?
BUT IT WON'T BE ANYTHING LIKE WHAT YOU IMAGINED!
HEUP-

!
THUMP
THE GROUND UNDERNEATH MY FEET...
IS SINKING!
WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME?
HHUURGG


I'M FALLING...!
THUMD
AAAAH...

THE SKY...

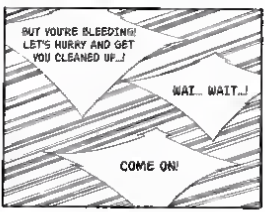
MY HEAD S SPINNING ...!

HA-AH
WHAT COULD'VE
HAPPENED JUST NOW...
WHAP

Tipsy
YOU, CRAZY ASS!
ARE YOU HIGH ON SOMETHING THIS EARLY IN THE AFTERNOON?
I COULD KILL YOU!
BAP
KLOP

I... IDIOT!
WHY DIDN'T YOU MOVE?!
STRANGE.

IS THIS HOW I FELT ABOUT [illegible] YOU'S FACE...?



BUT... BUT...
DRAGGGG
I'LL SEE YOU AT THE NEW BUILDING CEREMONY!
KAPWAAAGG~
WHAT
WAS THAT JUST NOW ?
IS HE A PSYCHO FROM A MENTAL INSTITUTION?
HE WAS TOO HANDSOME TO BE A PSYCHO THOUGH...

YOU KNOW WHAT
I
JUST HAD MY FIRST KISS
STOLEN FROM ME...
WHAT?
WAHHH
THAT CRAZY BASTARD!!
HE WON'T GET AWAY WITH THIS~!!

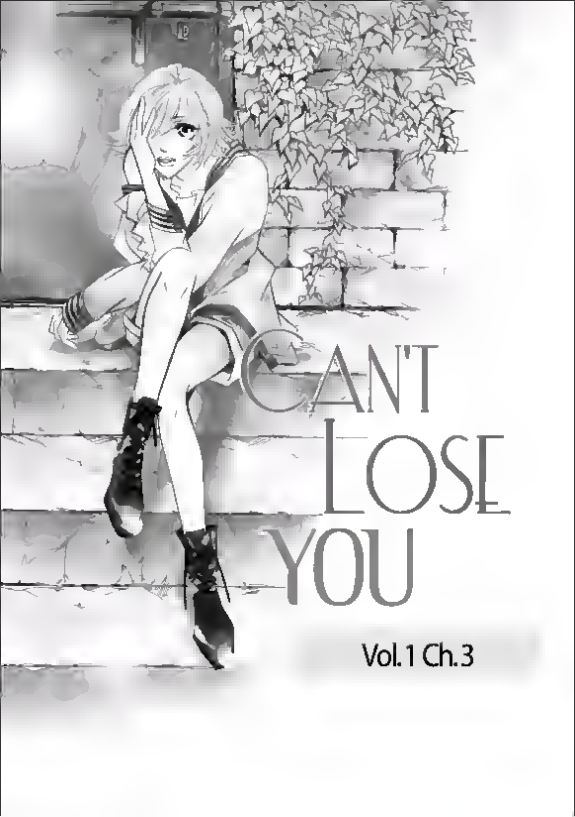
SNAP OUT OF IT PLEASE!
WHAT'S THE MATTER? YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'VE BEEN POSSESSED
...
YOU'RE A LITTLE STRANGE TODAY
AH.

EXCUSE ME FOR A SEC.
DID YOU SEE LIDA? ACTING LIKE SHE'S ALL THAT... SURROUNDED BY HER POSSE.
I KNOW SHE REALLY TURNS ME OFF

NO MATTER HOW HARD SHE TRIES TO HIDE IT, SHE STILL LOOKES LIKE SOMEONE WHO JUST GOT DUMPED... AND BY GAON GIL. NO LESS.
I HEARD IT TOO. BOY THAT SERVES HER RIGHT
WHO DOES SHE THINK SHE IS TRYING TO GET GAON?
HAHAHA
ANYWAYS I WONDER WHAT KINDA GIRL COULD SHAKE GAON'S HEART
I KNOW HE S SO COLD
TAP
ARE YOU DONE YAKKING?

SPASH
NEXT TIME, SAY WHAT YOU HAVE TO SAY TO MY FACE!
I HAVE EARS, YOU KNOW
SWOOSH
GAON IS MINE!
.. JUST WAIT AND SEE!

GIL, GAON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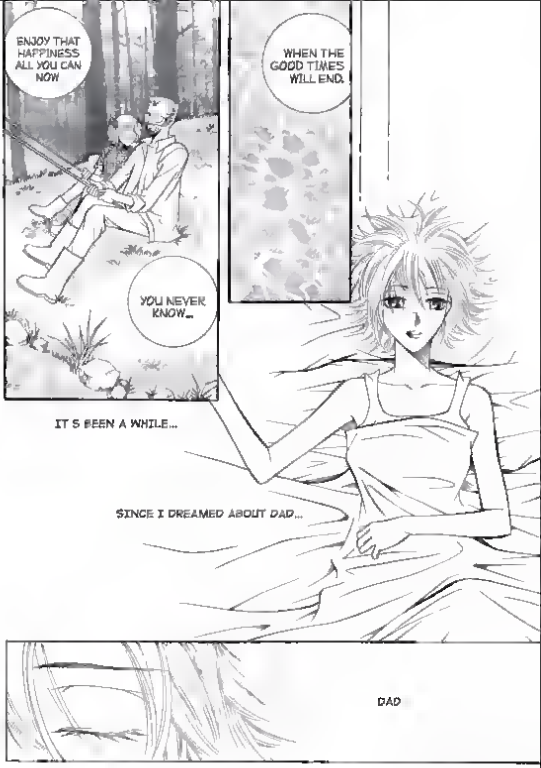
3. THE DOUBLE

YOO!! YOUR FISHING ROD...
WOAH. CAREFUL NOT TO PULL TOO FAST...
THAT'S IT!

WOW!
MY LITTLE GIRL'S GREAT!
WHOA!
WOWW!
YOO!, ARE YOU...
...HAPPY?
HUH?


ENJOY THAT HAPPINESS ALL YOU CAN NOW
WHEN THE GOOD TIMES WILL END.
YOU NEVER KNOW...
IT S BEEN A WHILE...
SINCE I DREAMED ABOUT DAD...
DAD

THE PRINCESS HAS ONLY A FEW DAYS LEFT... BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR DEATH'S VISIT...
WE HAVE ANOTHER UNIDENTIFIABLE LETTER.
DO YOU STILL CONSIDER THIS AS A JOKE?

IF YOU CONTINUE TO EXPOSE YOURSELF AT PARTIES AND SHOPPING AROUND...!
OK, ALRIGHT?
SO YOU'RE SAYING WE SHOULD INCREASE SECURITY AND I SHOULD STAY PUT ISN'T THAT IT?
GEEZ. THIS IS NO DIFFERENT FROM BEING IN PRISON.
IF SOMETHING HAPPENS TO YOU, THE CHAIRMAN WOULD BE WITHOUT AN HEIRESS...
I SAID I HEARD YOU!

PISH.
THEY SAY SADAM HUSSEIN PICKS SOMEONE WHO LOOKS JUST LIKE HIM AND USES HIM AS HIS DOUBLE TO AVOID ASSASSINATION.
AND THAT ONLY EXPERTS CAN TELL 'EM APART!

WHAT?

IT'S SIMPLE.
YOU JUST NEED TO ATTEND BORING EXTERNAL EVENTS AND PARTIES... IN MY PLACE

MEANING YOU'LL BECOME MY DOUBLE.

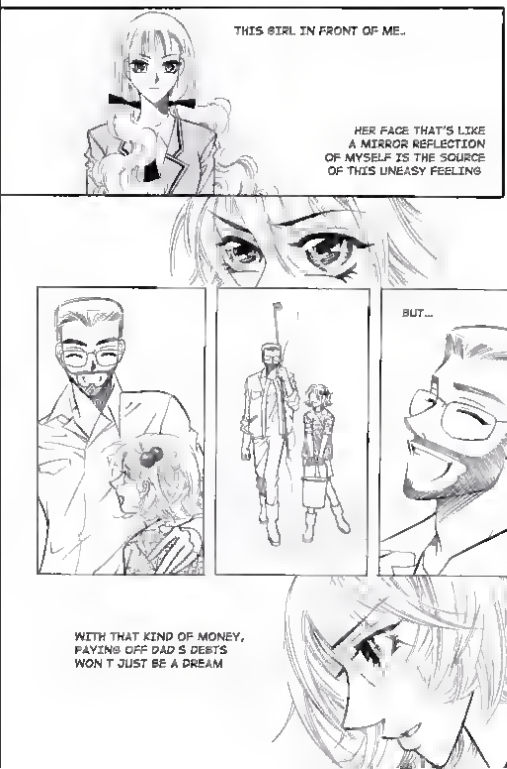
DOUBLE. ?!

NO WAY THEY'LL BUY IT...
I HATE TO ADMIT IT. BUT OUR FACES LOOK EXACTLY ALIKE.
IF YOU WEAR A WIG AND PUT ON SOME DECENT MAKE-UP...
WEAR MY CLOTHES. SURELY NO ONE WILL NOTICE THE DIFFERENCE.

AND WHY WOULD I DO SUCH A THING?!
IT'S BE A MAN IN THE BUTT...
FOR THIS.
PHAM
MONEY!
IN BUNDLES!
I'VE NEVER SEEN IT IN BUNDLES IN MY WHOLE LIFE!

I DID SOME BACKGROUND CHECKING ON YOU.
AREN'T YOU IN DESPERATE NEED OF MONEY?
FWSSH
YO
ZZTZZT
ZZTZZT
I'LL GIVE YOU FIVE EACH TIME YOU PLAY MY DOUBLE.
FIVE..
FIVE...
FIVE...
FIVE...
FIVE TENS?
(FIFTY THOUSAND WON)
FIVE GRAND!
(FIVE MILLION WON)

YOU'LL OF COURSE AGREE?
...
WOOMP
I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO...
MAYBE THE AMOUNT IS TOO BIG FOR ME TO FEEL IT'S REAL.
NO. THAT'S NOT IT I FEEL UNEASY ABOUT SOMETHING
IT FEELS LIKE SOMETHING IRREVERSIBLE WILL HAPPEN

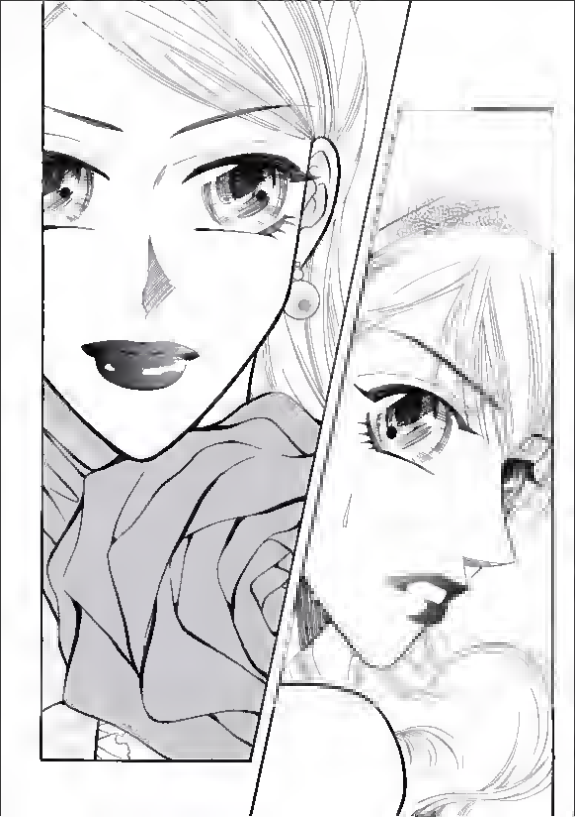

THIS GIRL IN FRONT OF ME..
HER FACE THAT'S LIKE A MIRROR REFLECTION OF MYSELF IS THE SOURCE OF THIS UNEASY FEELING
BUT...
WITH THAT KIND OF MONEY, PAYING OFF DAD'S DEBTS WON'T JUST BE A DREAM

WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME?
WHAT AM I WAITING FOR!
WHERE DID THE BOLD AND DECISIVE YOOI WHO CAN DO ANYTHING SHE SETS HER MIND TO GO?
WHY AM I HESITANT BECAUSE OF A MERE UNEASY FEELING?
WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO FIRST?

TATOU
THERE'S A BUILDING COMPLETION CEREMONY FOR AN ORPHANAGE THAT YOORIM GROUP SUPPORTED
I HAVE TO ATTEND THAT EVENT IN GRANDPA'S PLACE.

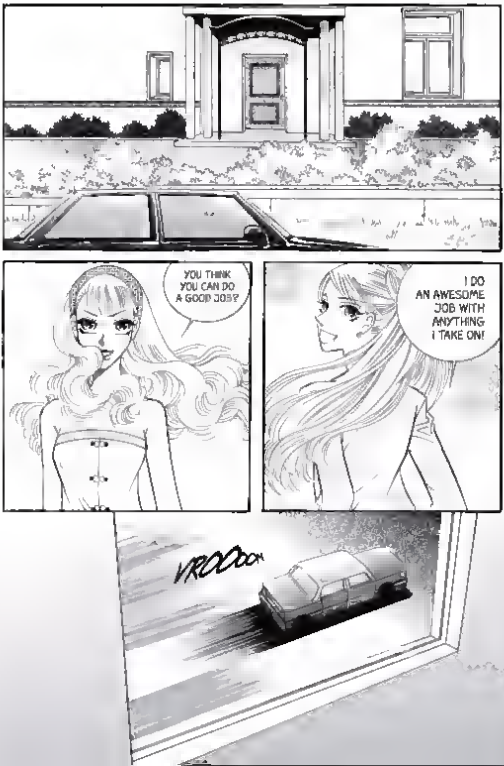
GRANDPA'S TOO BUSY TO ATTEND EVERY LITTLE EVENT
AND MY PARENTS STAY ABROAD ON BUSINESS TRIPS A LOT
SO I'M ALWAYS DRAGGED AND IT'S SO TEDIOUS.
SMILE GRACEFULLY CUT THE TAPE, APPLAUD A LITTLE...
TAKE SOME PICTURES WITH THE KIDS. SIMPLE, HUH?
DANGLE

MISS.
HOW DOES SHE LOOK?

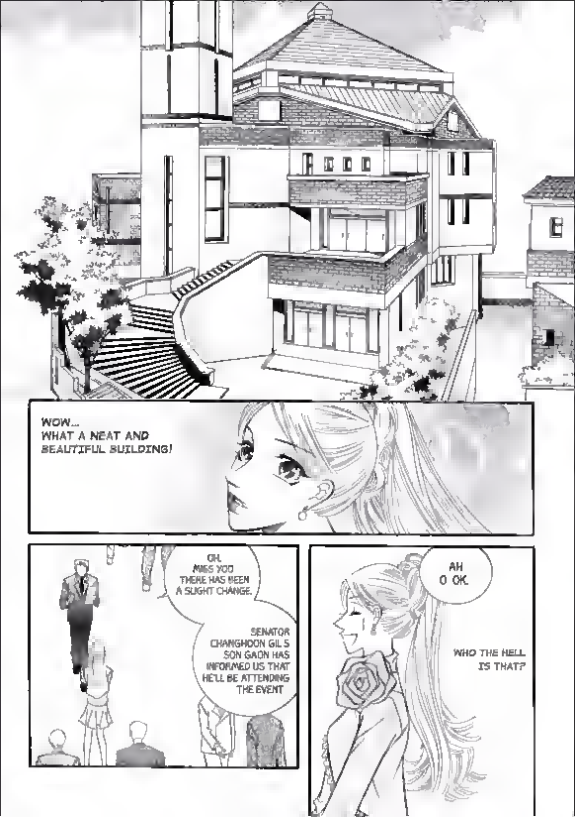


MY GOODNESS
THIS ISN'T JUST LOOKING ALIKE!
NO, THIS IS..
THUNK
YOU ALRIGHTY
DUN? DUN?

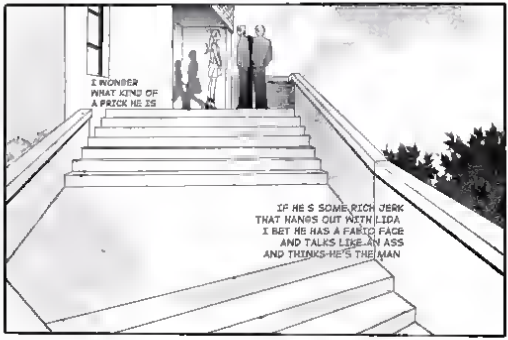
THIS IS...
ME...!


YOU THINK YOU CAN DO A GOOD JOB?
I DO AN AWESOME JOB WITH ANYTHING I TAKE ON!
VROOOOM

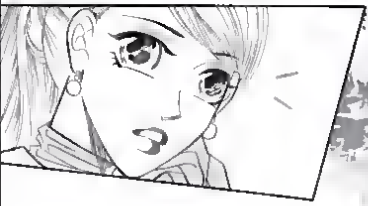
THAT'S IT
THE ORPHANAGE
BUILDING


WOW...
WHAT A NEAT AND
BEAUTIFUL BUILDING!
OH,
MISS YOO
THERE HAS BEEN
A SLIGHT CHANGE.
SENATOR
CHANGMOON GIL'S
SON GAON HAS
INFORMED US THAT
HE'LL BE ATTENDING
THE EVENT
AH
O OK.
WHO THE HELL
IS THAT?

ISN'T IT STRANGE? WHEN WE ASKED HE STUBBORNLY REJECTED
I GUESS MR. GAON'S DECIDED TO ACCEPT THE ENGAGEMENT?
EN... GAGE... ENGAGEMENT?!
KRRK
SHOULD BE CHEERFUL
GAON IS THE BEST FIT FOR YOU.
LIDA THAT SNOB... SHE'S GETTING ENGAGED WHEN SHE'S JUST A SOPHOMORE IN HIGH SCHOOL?
WOAH...


I WONDER WHAT KIND OF A PRICK HE IS
IF HE'S SOME RICH JERK THAT HANGS OUT WITH LIDA I BET HE HAS A FABIO FACE AND TALKS LIKE AN ASS AND THINKS HE'S THE MAN

AWROO..
HE'LL MAKE ME PUKE...

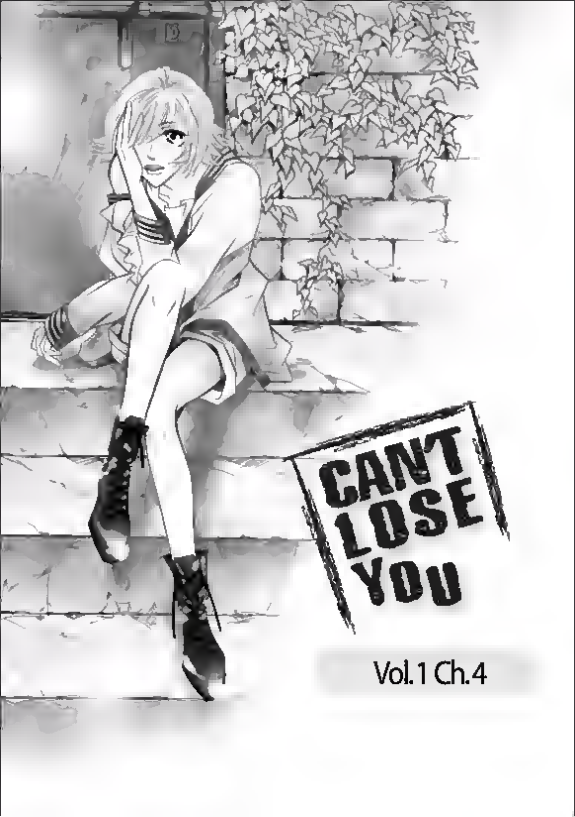


THE... THE .. THE... THE...
HUKK-
THE THIEF WHO STOLE MY FIRST KISS...!!!
GOOD TO SEE YOU LIDA YOO.
YOU LOOK REALLY GREAT TODAY
WOAH-ACK... I SURE WOULD LIKE TO SMACK HIM ACROSS THE FACE TOO BAD I M PLAYING LIDA YOO S POUBLE AND CAN'T AFFORD TO DO SOMETHING SO DUMB

LISTEN, ABOUT THE OTHER DAY...
I'M SORRY
...HUH?
I MEAN ABOUT FORCING A KISS ON YOU...
I WAS FEELING A LITTLE...

DING DING DING DING
AHA-! SO THAT WAS IT-!
THIS PERV HAD MISTAKEN ME FOR LIDA THAT DAY
NO WONDER HE LOOKED TOO NERVOUS TO BE A PSYCHO
BUT THAT'S STRANGE..
HE REALLY SEEMED TO DESPISE LIDA THAT DAY
BUT WHY IS HIS HAND SHAKING NOW?

SNAP
SNAP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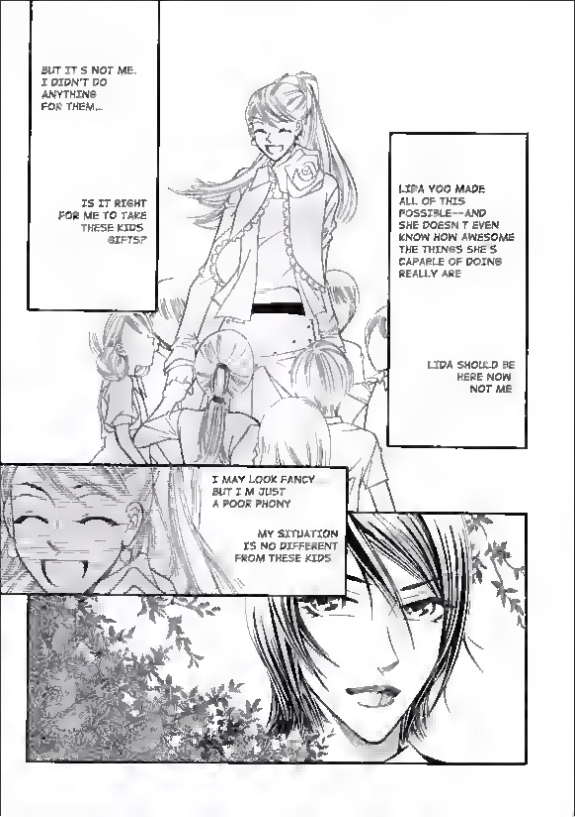
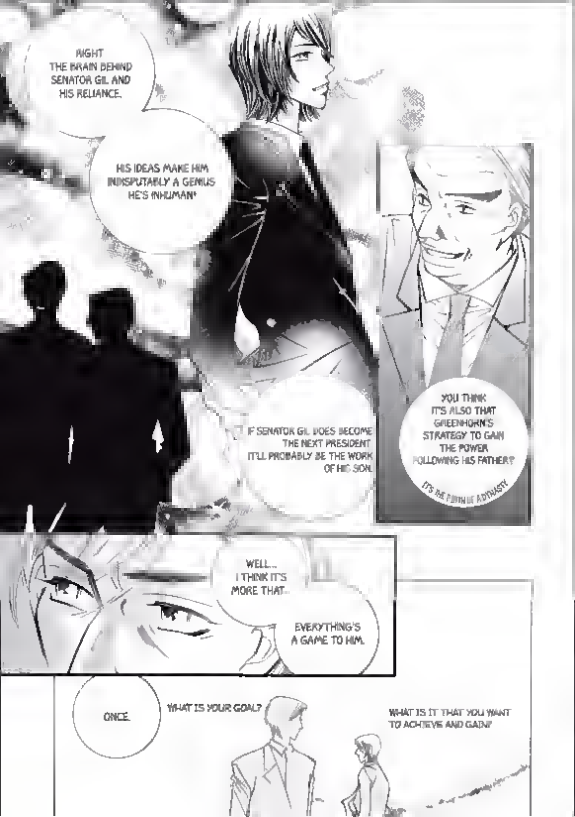
4. A CRISIS

RUMBLE
RUMBLE
HUBBUB
UMM, MISS
HERE...
A PAPER BOUQUET...?
IS IT FOR ME?

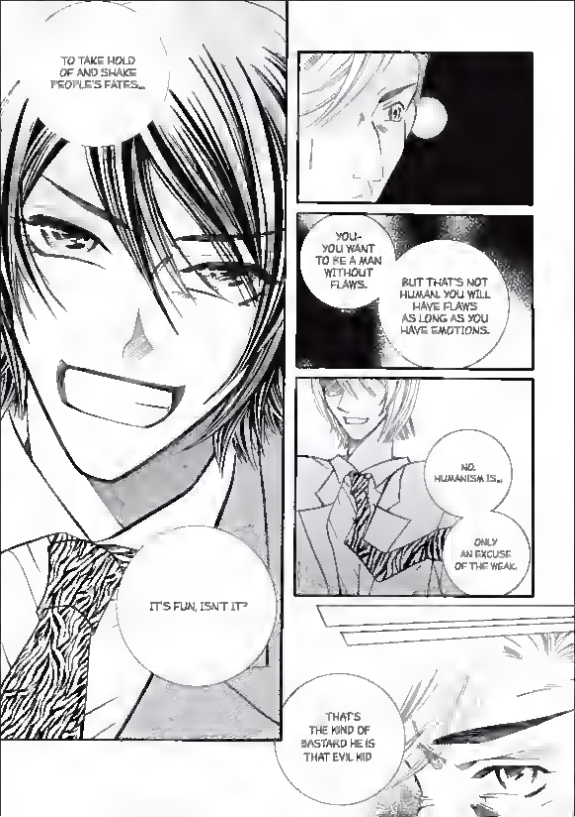
I MADE IT WITH MY FRIENDS.
OUR TEACHER TOLD US THAT YOU BUILT US A NEW HOME.
WE LOVE OUR NEW HOME. IT'S BIG AND CLEAN AND THE WINDOWS DON'T SHAKE WHEN IT'S WINDY
WE HAVE LOTS OF NEW TOYS TOO IT'S REALLY AWESOME.
MISS...?
I'M HAPPY TOO

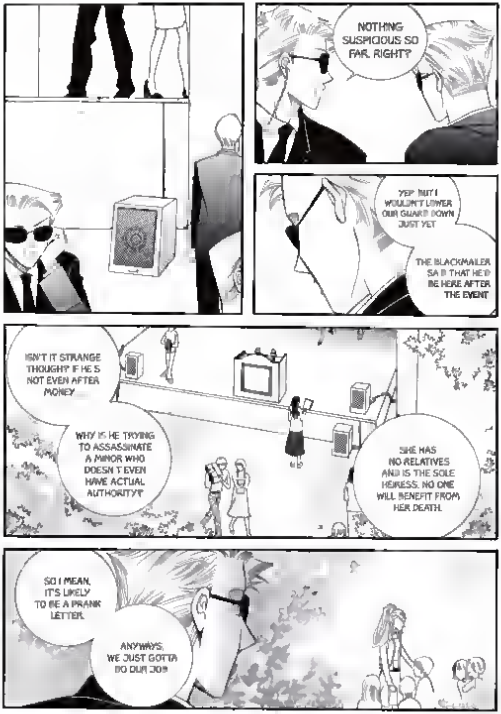

BUT IT'S NOT ME. I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING FOR THEM...
IS IT RIGHT FOR ME TO TAKE THESE KIDS GIFTS?
LIDA YOO MADE ALL OF THIS POSSIBLE--AND SHE DOESN'T EVEN KNOW HOW AWESOME THE THINGS SHE'S CAPABLE OF DOING REALLY ARE
LIDA SHOULD BE HERE NOW NOT ME
I MAY LOOK FANCY BUT I'M JUST A POOR PHONY
MY SITUATION IS NO DIFFERENT FROM THESE KIDS

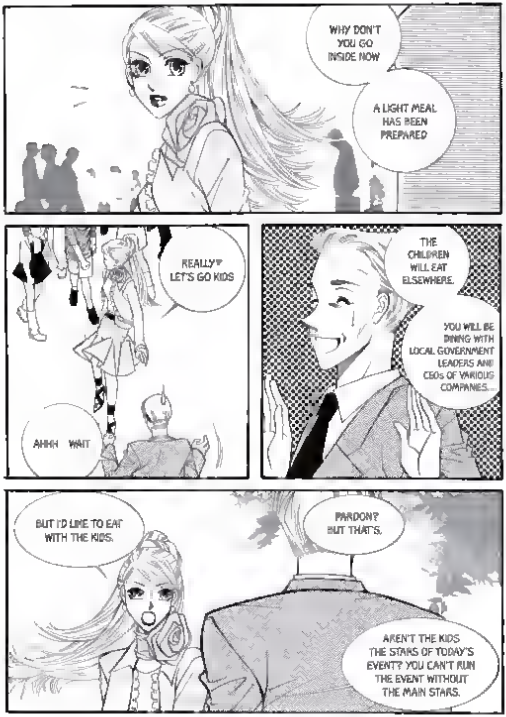
THAT'S A NICE PICTURE. IT'LL WIN YOU SOME POPULARITY BEFORE THE ELECTION
YOUR KIND OF DECISION, GAON
DON'T HOLD EVERYONE TO YOUR SLY STANDARDS!
EXCUSE ME?
HMM...
"DUMBFOUNDED"
FUNNY ACTING INNOCENT... THAT DOESN'T SUIT HIM
IS HE THE GAON KID?
THE KID THAT...


NIGHT THE BRAIN BEHIND SENATOR GIL AND HIS RELIANCE.
HIS IDEAS MAKE HIM INDISPUTABLY A GENIUS HE'S INHUMAN!
IF SENATOR GIL DOES BECOME THE NEXT PRESIDENT IT'LL PROBABLY BE THE WORK OF HIS SON.
YOU THINK IT'S ALSO THAT GREENHORN'S STRATEGY TO GAIN THE POWER FOLLOWING HIS FATHER?
IT'S THE FUTURE ADVISOR?
WELL... I THINK IT'S MORE THAT...
EVERYTHING'S A GAME TO HIM.
ONCE.
WHAT IS YOUR GOAL?
WHAT IS IT THAT YOU WANT TO ACHIEVE AND GAIN?

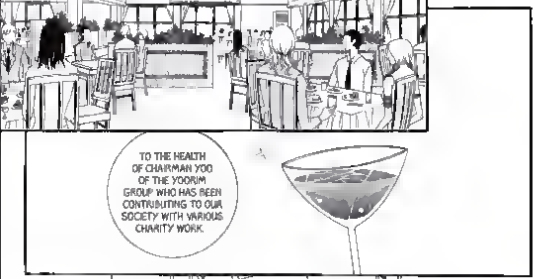
...POWER.
POWER? WHY?
IF I BECOME THE MOST POWERFUL MAN, NOTHING CAN CHANGE MY FATE.
I WILL CONTROL FATES—THOSE OF OTHERS AND MINE, TOO...
WHAT'S THE GOOD IN DOING THAT?
I THINK IT'S GREAT IN AND OF ITSELF, DON'T YOU?

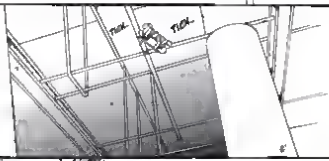

TO TAKE HOLD OF AND SHAKE PEOPLE'S FATES...
IT'S FUN, ISN'T IT?
YOU- YOU WANT TO BE A MAN WITHOUT FLAWS.
BUT THAT'S NOT HUMAN. YOU WILL HAVE FLAWS AS LONG AS YOU HAVE EMOTIONS.
NO. HUMANISM IS... ONLY AN EXCUSE OF THE WEAK.
THAT'S THE KIND OF BASTARD HE IS THAT EVIL KID

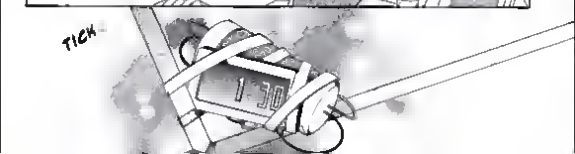

NOTHING SUSPICIOUS SO FAR, RIGHT?
YEP. BUT I WOULDN'T LOWER OUR GUARD DOWN JUST YET
THE BLACKMAILER SAID THAT HE'D BE HERE AFTER THE EVENT
ISN'T IT STRANGE THOUGH? IF HE'S NOT EVEN AFTER MONEY
WHY IS HE TRYING TO ASSASSINATE A MINOR WHO DOESN'T EVEN HAVE ACTUAL AUTHORITY?
SHE HAS NO RELATIVES AND IS THE SOLE HEIRESS. NO ONE WILL BENEFIT FROM HER DEATH.
SO I MEAN, IT'S LIKELY TO BE A PRANK LETTER.
ANYWAYS, WE JUST GOTTA DO OUR JOB!


WHY DON'T YOU GO INSIDE NOW
A LIGHT MEAL HAS BEEN PREPARED
REALLY? LET'S GO KIDS
AHHH WAIT
THE CHILDREN WILL EAT ELSEWHERE.
YOU WILL BE DINING WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT LEADERS AND CEOS OF VARIOUS COMPANIES...
BUT I'D LIKE TO EAT WITH THE KIDS.
PARDON? BUT THAT'S.
AREN'T THE KIDS THE STARS OF TODAY'S EVENT? YOU CAN'T RUN THE EVENT WITHOUT THE MAIN STARS.

LIDA IS RIGHT
ISN'T SHE?
GAON SIL...
THE DINING LOCATION HAS BEEN CHANGED TO THE BASEMENT !
HURRY! HURRY!


TO THE HEALTH OF CHAIRMAN YOO OF THE YOORIM GROUP WHO HAS BEEN CONTRIBUTING TO OUR SOCIETY WITH VARIOUS CHARITY WORK.


TICK
TICK


TICK

BLAH
BLAH
ISN'T IT BORING?
WOOOAHH
00:00
TICK

PHROOOOM

DOOM
DOOM
DOOM
CRACK
CRACK
BOOM
KAHHH!
KA-BOOM

KIDS!
CAREFUL...!
MISS.. DONT GO INSI..
LIDA!
KA-WHUMPH

HNNNGNN...
EEE...
HNNNGNN AHH...

LIGA YOO!
KOH-
KOH-

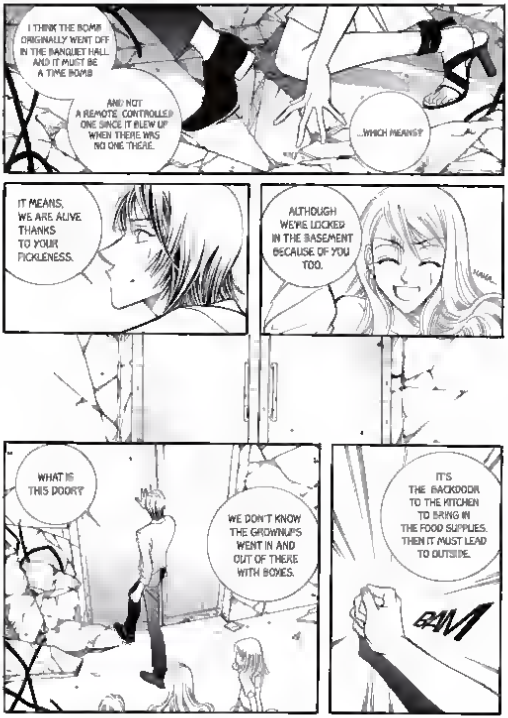
TẠT
HAI GIÀON...
KA-WHUMPH
KA-BOOM

WIGGLE
PLOMP
YOU OK?!
ARE YOU OUT OF YOUR MIND?
YOU ALMOST GOT YOURSELF KILLED!
I DON'T THINK I HAD ENOUGH TIME TO THINK ABOUT THAT KINDA THING

MISS LIDA
MISS LIDA!
EVERYONE'S SAFE HERE, HOW IS IT OUT THERE?
KOFF
KOFF
THE EXIT'S BLOCKED AND IT'S A WRECK WITH ALL THE WOUNDED!
...COUPLE OF THEM ARE SEVERELY WOUNDED
HAVE TO HANG ON UNTIL THE RESCUE SQUAD GETS HE.
KRAAK
KRAAK
KAHHH~
KAH!

MISS!
DAMMIT!
DON'T BE AFRAID
I'LL DO ANYTHING TO GET US OUT
I'LL NEVER LET ANYTHING BAD HAPPEN TO YOU.

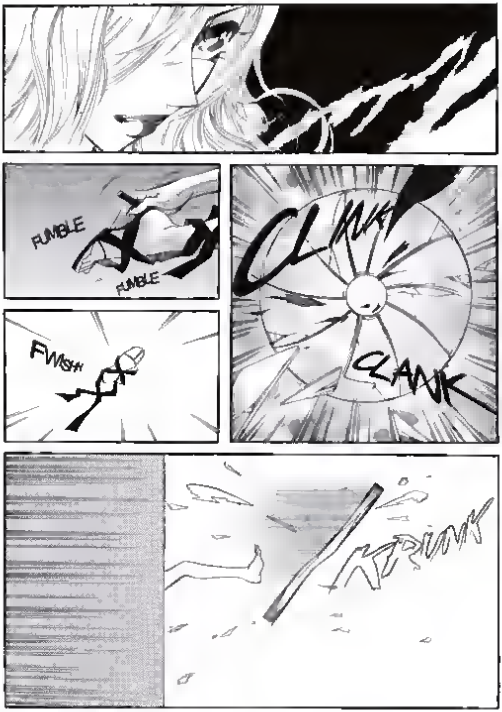
DON'T JUST TRY TO LOOK COOL! COME UP WITH A PLAN! A PLAN!
I, I MEAN, I WILL THINK OF SOMETHING...
YOUR HURRY IS NOT GOOD ENOUGH...
THE ROOF'S GONNA COME DOWN IN HERE, TOO.
LET'S MOVE INSIDE.
HUFF
HUFF
STRANGE..
HE MAKES ME FEEL SO SAFE.


I THINK THE BOMB ORIGINALLY WENT OFF IN THE BANQUET HALL AND IT MUST BE A TIME BOMB
AND NOT A REMOTE CONTROLLED ONE SINCE IT BLEW UP WHEN THERE WAS NO ONE THERE.
...WHICH MEANS?
IT MEANS, WE ARE ALIVE THANKS TO YOUR PICKLENESS.
ALTHOUGH WE'RE LOCKED IN THE BASEMENT BECAUSE OF YOU TOO.
WHAT IS THIS DOOR?
WE DON'T KNOW THE GROWNUPS WENT IN AND OUT OF THERE WITH BOXES.
IT'S THE BACKDOOR TO THE KITCHEN TO BRING IN THE FOOD SUPPLIES. THEN IT MUST LEAD TO OUTSIDE.
BAM

BUT IT'S LOCKED
THAT VENTILATION WINDOW... YOU THINK IT LEADS TO THE OUTSIDE?
I DON'T KNOW...
RAAK
RAAK
PHOW
WHAT ARE YOU...
I'M GOING INSIDE THE VENTILATION PASSAGE!

IT'S DANGEROUS! LET ME...
THINK YOU CAN GET THROUGH THIS WITH THAT MUSCULAR BODY OF YOURS?
I CAN'T LET YOU DO SUCH A DANGEROUS...!
DO WE HAVE TO DEAL WITH YOUR PIGHEADEDNESS WHEN WE HAVE LIVES AT STAKE?
—
PIGHEADEDNESS
PIGHEADEDNESS
AT LEAST LET ME AT LEAST USE MY MUSCULAR MASS...
BANG
BE CAREFUL!

I MEAN.
IF SOMETHING HAPPENS TO YOU...
I...
I...
...
JUST BE CAREFUL!
TA TA TA


FUMBLE
FUMBLE
FWISH
CLANK
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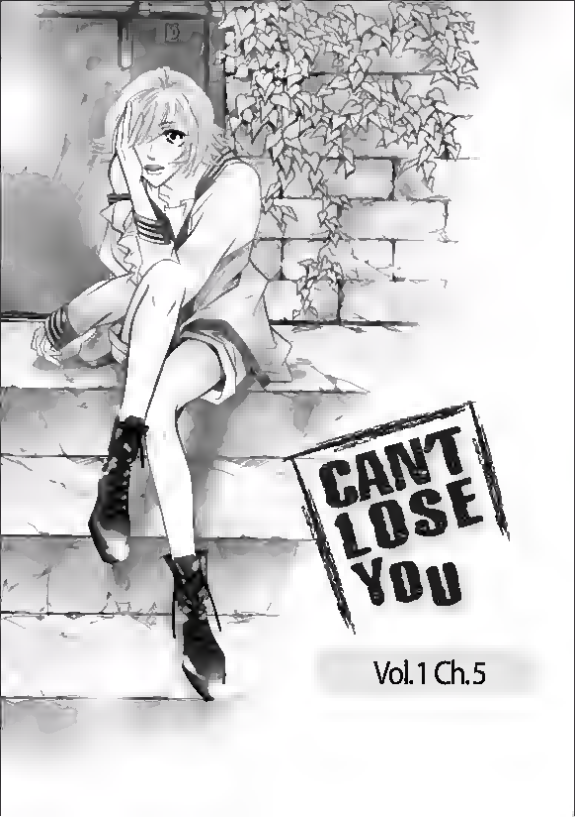
KRUNK

KATRANG
ALRIGHT!
KIDS, HURRY...!
KAPWINGG
KAABAMMM

YOO, LIDA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5. IMMERSION

GAON!

HURRY UP!
DO YOU THINK I'M ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER OR SOMETHING?
BUT... BUT... WHAT ABOUT YOU?!
SHUT UP AND BEAT IT!
I SAID I'D PROTECT YOU!
YOU THINK I WAS JOKING?!

I AM TRYING REALLY HARD NOT TO EMBARRASS MYSELF AS A MAN!
SO DON'T MAKE IT HARDER AND BEAT IT!
HOW CAN I LEAVE YOU, YOU'LL HAUNT ME IN MY DREAMS IF YOU DIE!
I'M NOT GONNA DIE!
...WANNA BET?

IF I MAKE IT OUT OF HERE SAFELY
WILL YOU GIVE ME ANOTHER KISS?
I'LL KICK YOUR BUTT IF YOU WON'T
MISS, HURRY!

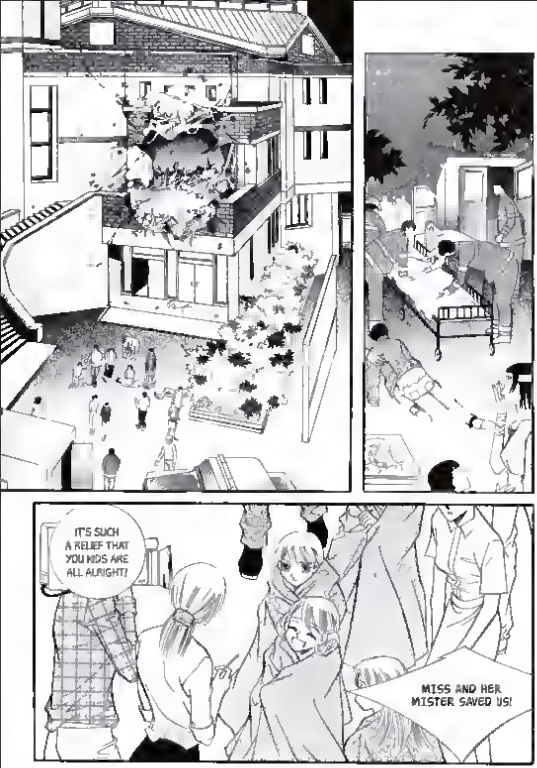
GAON!
YOU'RE GONNA KICK MY BUTT.
THAT'S NOT BAD EITHER.
BUT I STILL PREFER.

A KISS!!
TAT

PTOOM
KATOOOM
KER
THUNK

GAON!
ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
YOU OK?!

YOU WILL
KEEP YOUR PROMISE, RIGHT?
PERV !!

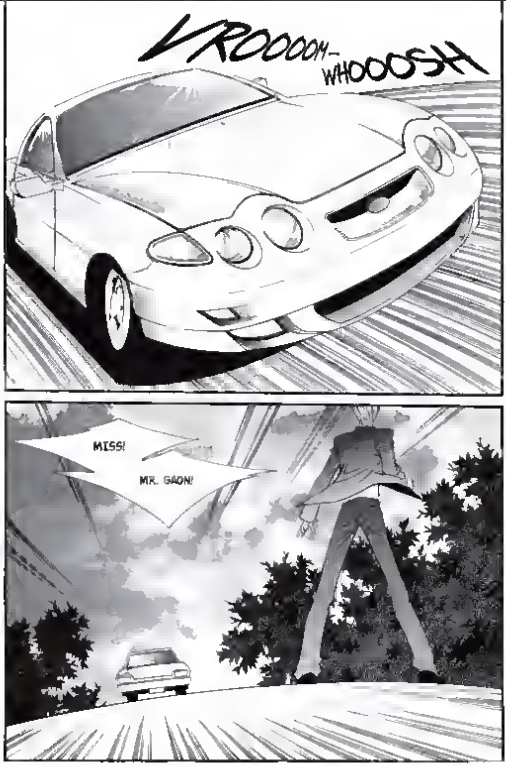

IT'S SUCH A RELIEF THAT YOU KIDS ARE ALL ALRIGHT!
MISS AND HER MISTER SAVED US!

MISS AND MISTER?
THEY WERE AWESOME! IT WAS SO COOL!
THEY WERE LIKE THE PEOPLE IN THE MOVIES!
YEAH! YEAH!
THEY ARE HEROES!
WAI. WAIT! THE RESCUE SQUAD IS HERE...
WHAT'S THE HURRY...

THE RECENT INFORMATION THAT CAME IN INCLUDED YOU RECEIVING BLACK MAIL.
I COLLECT ANYTHING I CAN GET MY HANDS ON.
YOU'RE TWO COLLECTING THAT KOREAN STUFF TOO?
YOU'LL NEVER KNOW WHAT CAN BE USEFUL.
I THOUGHT IT WAS JUST A PRANK BY SOMEONE WHO HAD ISSUES WITH YOUR GROUP. BUT THE MORE I THINK ABOUT IT THE MORE I REALIZE THERE WAS NO ONE IN THERE WORTH THIS KIND OF RISK.
CLICK
I THINK THE TARGET WAS YOU.
WHAT IF THE CRIMINAL OR HIS ACCOMPLICE IS SOMEONE WHO HAS TO DO WITH THIS EVENT?
ISN'T NOW THE PERFECT CHANCE FOR SOMETHING LIKE THIS- WHEN EVERYTHING IS ONE BIG MESS?

IS IT REALLY LIDA YOO OF THE YOORIM GROUP THAT THOSE KIDS WERE TALKING ABOUT?
TELL ME ABOUT IT. THAT'S THE OPPOSITE OF EVERY RUMOR I'VE HEARD ABOUT HER.
SHE'S KNOWN TO BE PARTICULARLY RUDE AND RECKLESS EVEN AMONG THE JAEBUL* FAMILIES
THEN...?
I WANT TO GET YOU OUT OF HERE...
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

*JAEBUL : A CONGLOMERATE OF MANY COMPANIES CLUSTERED AROUND ONE PARENT COMPANY. THE TERM REFERS TO THE SEVERAL DOZEN LARGE, FAMILY-CONTROLLED KOREAN CORPORATE GROUPS AND MEANS BIG BUSINESS GROUP OR PLUTOCRAT


VROOOOM-
WHOOOSH
MISS!
MR. GAON!

HAAA

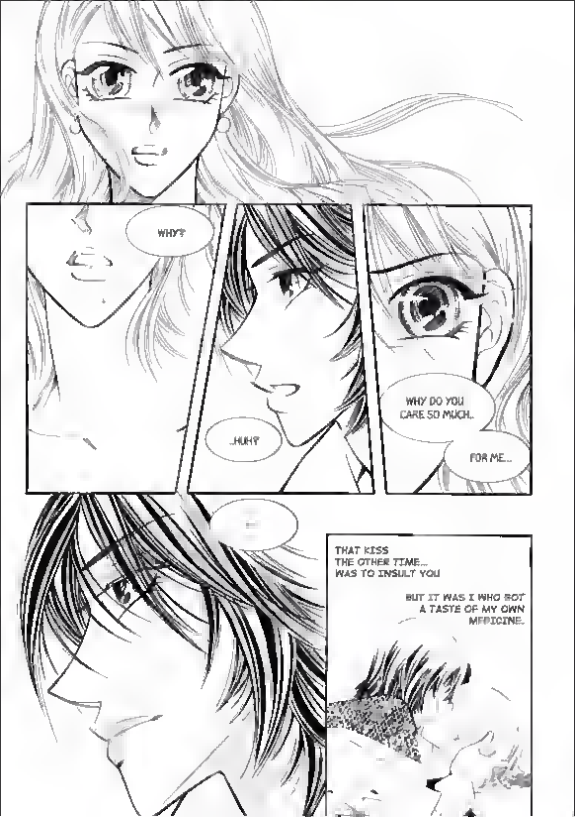
LOOKING DOWN AT THE CITY FROM UP HERE.
I FEEL LIKE THE MESS THAT JUST HAPPENED BACK THERE WAS A DREAM.

UH? YOUR FEET
OH... IT IT'S FROM BEFORE..
A LADY SHOULDN'T GO AROUND IN BARE FEET!
I WEAR THESE WHEN I PLAY SQUASH. WEAR THESE FOR NOW.
MMM. THANK.
...?!

SUCH A FOOL. IT MUST'VE HURT...
NO...UM, NOT REALLY
HE S...
JUST LIKE CINDERELLA'S PRINCE
A SCULPTED FACE...

I DON'T KNOW WHY BUT...
I FEEL LIKE HE'S TOO FAR TO REACH EVEN IF I WERE TO STRETCH OUT MY ARMS
OF COURSE BECAUSE THIS KID'S A REAL PRINCE...
LISTEN. THANKS...
FOR... EARLIER.
HUH?
YOU JUMPED IN AFTER US THROUGH THE COLLAPSED WALL.
I WOULD'VE PROBABLY PANICKED FROM FEAR IF I WERE ALONE...
YOU DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH YOUR BEING THERE HELPED...

IT WASN'T SOMETHING I THOUGHT THROUGH. I JUST FOLLOWED MY INSTINCT
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT... HAHA... MY LEGS ARE SHAKY...
WERE YOU SCARED?
OF COURSE!
YOU HAVE TO BE EXTREMELY BRAVE TO NOT GET SCARED IN THAT SITUATION.
BUT BECAUSE YOU WERE THERE.
I COULD ONLY THINK ABOUT GETTING YOU OUT SAFELY
HOW COULD I GET SCARED WHEN I HAD LOST SIGHT OF ALL OTHER THINGS.. I WAS JUST ANXIOUS TO GET YOU OUT


WHY?
..HUH?
WHY DO YOU CARE SO MUCH..
FOR ME...
THAT KISS
THE OTHER TIME...
WAS TO INSULT YOU
BUT IT WAS I WHO GOT A TASTE OF MY OWN MEDICINE.

...THIS TIME, IT'S NOT A VIOLATION.
BECAUSE YOU OWE ME ONE.

WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME...
BUT...
ISN'T IT OKAY?
I HAD A TOUGH DAY SO JUST FOR A LITTLE WHILE...

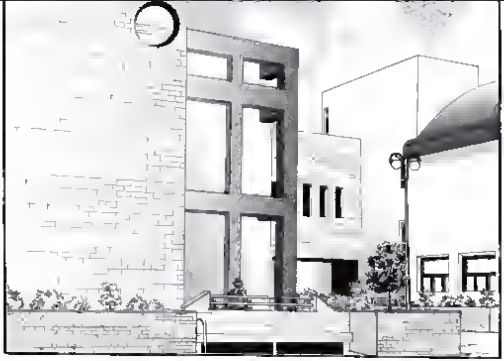
LIDA YOO...

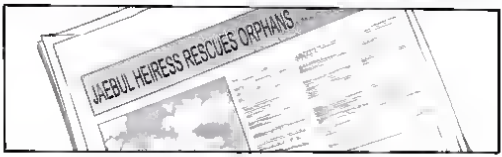
I REALLY DIDN'T THINK SOMETHING LIKE THIS COULD HAPPEN TO ME
THIS UTTERLY UNIMAGINABLE THING...
LIKE A MIRACLE...
MAYBE YOU CAN FALL IN LOVE...
WITH JUST ONE KISS

YOU KNOW WHEN I GET IMMERSED IN SOMETHING I FOCUS ON JUST THAT FIERCELY
UNTIL I SETTLE IT UNTIL I CONTROL EVERYTHING
I THINK IT OVER AND OVER OBJECTIVELY
NOT UNTIL I HAVE IT UNDER MY CONTROL, AM I REALLY SATISFIED
THAT'S WHY THEY CALL ME A SCARY KID
BUT THE OBJECT OF MY FOCUS WAS NEVER
A PERSON.

FORGET BEING ATTRACTED TO
I NEVER FOUND ANYONE EVEN REMOTELY WORTHWHILE...
BUT I...
THINK...
I CAN SEE MYSELF GETTING IMMERSED IN YOU.

6. A BAIT

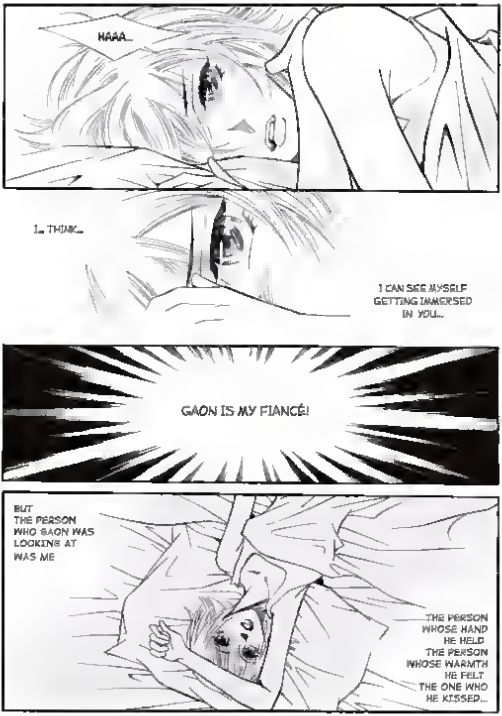



JAEBUL HEIRESS RESCUES ORPHANS

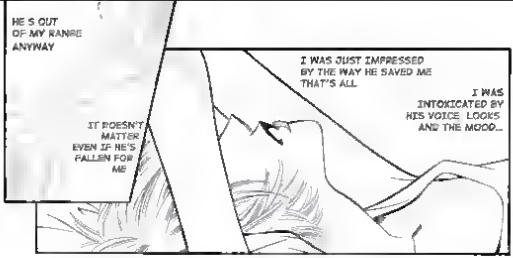
QUITE IMPRESSIVE...
I'M TOUCHED!

WHAP
SWING
DON'T GET ANY WRONG IDEAS.
THAT WASN'T YOU!
BY THE WAY WHY DID YOU DISAPPEAR WITH GAON?

THAT WASN'T YOU!
GAON GIL WAS ONLY PROTECTING LIDA YOO
GAON IS..
MY FIANCÉ!
I KNOW

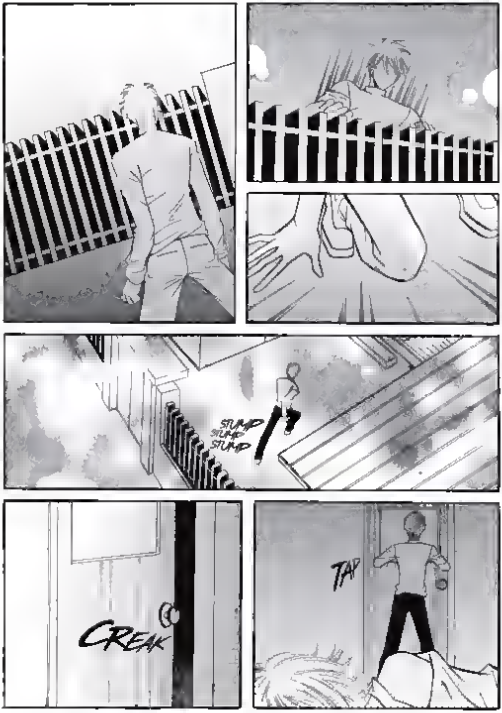

HAAA...
I... THINK...
I CAN SEE MYSELF GETTING IMMERSED IN YOU...
GAON IS MY FIANCÉ!
BUT THE PERSON WHO GAON WAS LOOKING AT WAS ME
THE PERSON WHOSE HAND HE HELD
THE PERSON WHOSE WARMTH HE FELT
THE ONE WHO HE KISSED...

THE LIPS HE KISSED WERE MINE BUT...
I WAS LIDA YOO THEN
WOULD GAON HAVE DONE THE SAME IF HE KNEW THAT I WAS YOOI KANG AND NOT LIDA YOO?
WAS IT ME OR LIDA TO WHOM HE PROFESSED HIS LOVE?!
NO
WHAT'S THE USE OF WORRYING ABOUT THIS?


HE'S OUT OF MY RANGE ANYWAY
I WAS JUST IMPRESSED BY THE WAY HE SAVED ME THAT'S ALL
I WAS INTOXICATED BY HIS VOICE, LOOKS AND THE MOOD...
IT DOESN'T MATTER EVEN IF HE'S FALLEN FOR ME

IT'S THAT I WAS DREAMING IN SOMEONE ELSE'S IDENTITY FOR A SHORT WHILE

SO...


STUMP
STUMP
STUMP
CREAK
TAP

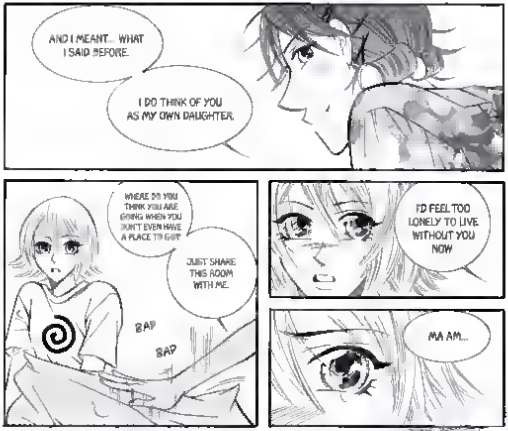
WOOOH!
Pop
GRIP
CLOPPP

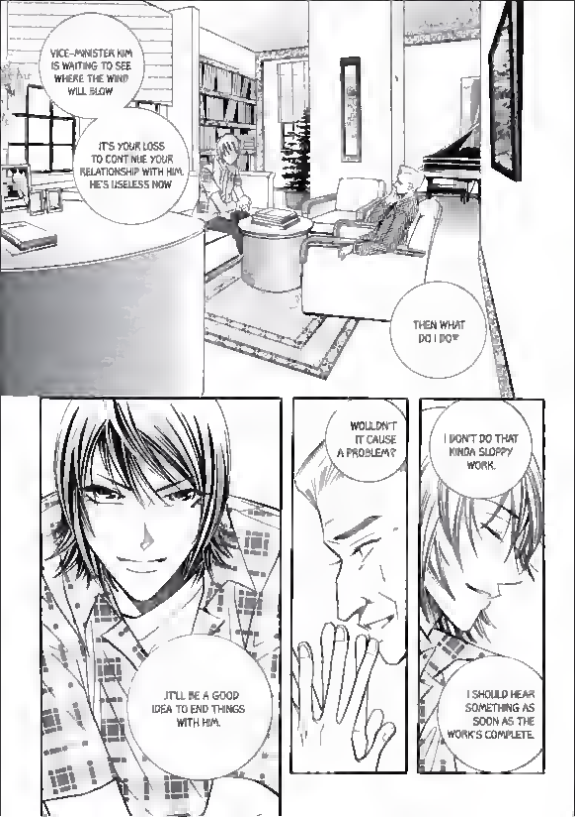
THWAP
HOLD IT RIGHT THERE, YOU RAPIST...!
RA...!
RAPIST...?!

THIS IS HYSON. HE'S IN 11TH GRADE NOW...
HE RUNS AWAY FROM HOME WHENEVER HE FEELS LIKE IT
AND DOES EVERYTHING HE CAN TO UPSET ME.
I DON'T KNOW WHY I DESERVE A SON LIKE HIM...
NAO
SUH...?

WHO ARE YOU AND WHY ARE YOU SLEEPING IN MY ROOM!!
YOU EXPECTED YOUR ROOM TO WAIT FOR YOU WHEN YOU WERE GONE FOR HALF A YEAR?
ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE MY MOM?
UH... UHHH
AND WHAT KIND OF A GIRL GOES TO BED WITH A BASEBALL BAT?
PLUS HER REFLEXES ARE ALMOST ANIMAL-LIKE. SHE COULD'VE KILLED ME!
WELL, I'VE HAD A REALLY TOUGH LIFE.

SO WHY DO YOU SNEAK IN HERE LIKE A STRAY CAT? YOU SCARED YOGI!
WHAT YOU PREFER A STRANGER OVER YOUR OWN SON?
OF COURSE. I DO! MY LIFE HAS BEEN SO PLEASANT THESE DAYS WITH YOGI HERE!
SHE'S THE CHILD WHO I LOVE A THOUSAND TIMES MORE THAN MY TROUBLE -MAKER SON!
SHIT!
UM... UHHH.
UM. DO I HAVE TO MOVE OUT?
I DON'T HAVE ANYWHERE ELSE TO GO...
WE'LL RUN OUT IN COUPLE OF DAYS.
THIS ISN'T THE FIRST TIME.


AND I MEANT... WHAT I SAID BEFORE.
I DO THINK OF YOU AS MY OWN DAUGHTER.
WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU ARE GOING WHEN YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE A PLACE TO GO?
JUST SHARE THIS ROOM WITH ME.
SAP
SAD
I'D FEEL TOO LONELY TO LIVE WITHOUT YOU NOW
MA AM...
ACTUALLY, I FEEL...
THANK YOU!
LIKE YOU'RE THE MOTHER I CAN'T REMEMBER.


VICE-MINISTER KIM IS WAITING TO SEE WHERE THE WIND WILL BLOW
IT'S YOUR LOSS TO CONTINUE YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM. HE'S USELESS NOW
THEN WHAT DO I DO?
IT'LL BE A GOOD IDEA TO END THINGS WITH HIM.
WOULDN'T IT CAUSE A PROBLEM?
I DON'T DO THAT KINDA SLOPPY WORK.
I SHOULD HEAR SOMETHING AS SOON AS THE WORK'S COMPLETE.

R R R R
.. ALL TAMEN CARE OF
HE CAN NEVER BETRAY YOU NOW FATHER.
THAP
PYEW--

...NOW THIS IS MORE LIKE YOURSELF
IT WAS ABSURD WHEN YOU POUNCED WITH ANGER OVER YOUR ENGAGEMENT WITH LIDA YOO
THAT MARRIAGE WILL BECOME THE GREATEST SOURCE OF POWER FOR YOUR FUTURE.
IT'S NOT LIKE THAT!
WHAT?
I'M SAYING THAT MY FEELING TOWARD HER
IS NOT LIKE THAT!

BAM
HMPH..
POWER...

CAN'T YOU JUST STOP BY FOR A LITTLE WHILE?
SINCE I SAW YOUR FACE, IT'S BEEN...
DAD'S NOT COMING AGAIN, RIGHT?
GAON HE'S AN IMPORTANT PERSON AND THAT MAKES HIM VERY BUSY.
THEN, THAT MAKES YOU AN UNIMPORTANT PERSON, MOM?
MOM, YOU ARE STUPID! YOU LET DAD CONTROL YOU ALL THE TIME...
AND EVERYTHING'S ALWAYS THE WAY HE WANTS IT!

PISH-
KA-BAMMM
MOM!
MOM!
EEEEEEE!!
WHERE IS DAD? WHY ISN'T HE HERE ALREADY?
HE IS RUSHING OVER.

MOM GOT INTO AN ACCIDENT ON HER WAY TO MEET DAD!
BUT WHY ISN'T HE HERE!
GAON...

DON'T HATE...
YOUR DAD...

MOM IS...
NOT AS UNFORTUNATE AS YOU THINK...

I HAVE YOU...
AND I HAVE YOUR DAD...

MOM WAS ALWAYS HAP...

PEEP
KWAN

EVERYTHING WAS JUST AS YOU HAD PREDICTED!
LEVAIN'S A DANGEROUS SITUATION THANKS TO YOU.
YOU ARE A GOD GIVEN GENIUS!
SEE LOOK AT YOU
THIS IS ALL YOU ARE
YOU GRIPPED AND SHOOK MOM'S FAITH BUT I WILL GRIP YOURS.

BUT MY HEART'S GRADUALLY GROWN COLDER GETTING HERE
PERHAPS I'VE BECOME A SCARIER MONSTER THAN YOU
.. BUT NOT ANYMORE
FINALLY.. I THINK I UNDERSTAND A LITTLE
THAT POWER IS SOMETHING YOU REALLY NEED WHEN YOU HAVE SOMETHING PRECIOUS TO PROTECT
I WON'T BECOME A SLAVE OF AMBITION LIKE YOU
BUT.. I WILL BECOME STRONG ENOUGH TO PROTECT HER

I WILL STAND
ON THE TOP OF THE WORLD
AND I WILL KNEEL
BEFORE ONLY ONE PERSON

LIDA...

NOW THAT I KNOW THE THREAT WAS REAL
I SHOULD GET YOO KANG TO QUIT
ISN'T IT RATHER A GOOD THING?
WHAT IS?

WHEN YOURSELF IS IN DANGER.
THAT'S WHEN YOU REALLY NEED A DOUBLE.
ARE YOU SAYING I SHOULD PUT YOOI KANG IN DANGER IN MY PLACE?!
I'M A PERSON OF DIGNITY!
AND YOU ARE TELLING ME TO HIDE LIKE A COWARD? THAT'S HUMILIATING!
YOU ARE A VIP MISS YOO
THAT'S DIFFERENT FROM A COMMANDER LIKE YOOI KANG.
AND THERE IS NO USE IN DISAGREEING WITH ME. I RECEIVE MY ORDERS FROM THE CHAIRMAN NOT FROM YOU.

MY DUTY IS
TO SECURE YOUR AFETY
NOT TO GET ON YOUR
GOOD SIDE.
YOOI KANG
IS JUST A BAIT...